MINUTES

OF THE

Sunflower Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

SHELBY BAPTIST CHURCH

SHELBY, MISS.

SEPTEMBER 4TH AND 5TH. 1917

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State Missions .....W. S. Allen
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Hospitals ..... S. G. Salter
Orphanage ..... T. S. Shuford
Laymen's Work .....J. M. Causey
Ministerial Relief .....J. L. Phelps
Publications ..... L. G. Black
Sunday Schools .....Dr. J. A. Maxwell
Temperance .....C. S. Longino
Woman's Work .....J. M. Causey

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Maxwell, J. A. ..... Drew
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Wesson, E. L. ..... New Albany
Nation, J. A. ..... Drew

NEXT MEETING.

With the Oak Ridge Baptist Church, six miles north of Clarksdale.

Time—Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1918, 3:00 p. m.

Mrs. T. J. Mangham, Associational Supt. W. M. U... Clarksdale
Mrs. L. F. Gregory, Secretary ..... Shelby

Associational Sermon ..... N. W. P. Bacon
Alternate ..... J. L. Phelps

MINUTES

In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk at 3 o'clock p. m., September the 4th, 1917. called the Association to order.

Devotional services were conducted by Brother R. L. Bunyard.

The Moderator having come in, the letters were called for and read and delegates seated, as follows:

Lyon—W. S. Allen, T. S. Shuford, and Miss Bettie Shuford.

Bethel—R. E. Finley, T. C. Upchurch, and J. H. Chisum.

Tunica—By letter.

Coahoma—By letter.

Rich—J. A. Ousley, and Mrs. W. F. Rainey.

Drew—Will P. Searcy, and E. Jasper.

Lambert—J. L. Alvis.

Jonestown—By letter.

Marks—Rev. and Sister N. W. P .Bacon, Mrs. and Miss Annie V. Turner, and J. M. Causey.

Sumner—W. R. Cooper, and Mrs. S. V. Whitten.

Webb—Brother and Mrs. J. L. Hill.

Ruth's Chapel—T. A. Tenhet, and R. A. Scott.

Oak Ridge—W. C. McCaughn, J. M. Baber, Nolen B. Corley. Mesdames J. M. Baber, W. C. McCaughn, and Miss Allein McCaughn.

Dwiggins—Julius Marlatt.

Lula—Mesdames Dillard and I. W. Rainey.

Clarksdale—Martin Ball, L. G. Black, C. S. Longino, S. G. Salter, and Mesdames T. J. Manghum, and W. V. Jenkins.

Belen—H. B. Webb, J. L. Ikard, Mesdames W. T. Covington, and J. L. Ikard.

Birdie—By letter.

Rome—Mesdames W. M. Biggs, and E. J. McDaniel.

Duncan—Z. B. Smith, Van E. Lester, Mesdames Z. B. Smith and Van E. Lester.

The letters present being finished, the Association pro-

ceeded to perfect organization. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for N. W. P. Bacon for Moderator and on motion, W. S. Allen was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for L. F. Gregory, the present Clerk, to succeed himself.

The following brethren were recognized: W. J. Derrick, of the Oxford Association; R. L. Bunyard, of the Deer Creek Association; I. P. Trotter, of the Deer Creek Association, and Brother Cole. W. S. Allen was elected Treasurer.

The following committees were announced:

On Order of Business—R. A. Eddleman, S. G. Salter, W. R. Cooper.

Nominations—C. S. Longino, J. M. Causey, J. A. Ousley.

Finance—W. C. McCaughn, J. Marlatt, T. S. Shuford.

Devotional—R. A. Eddleman, T. D. Howel, L. G. Black.

Petitionary letter from Darling was read and the church was received in to the fellowship of the Association and C. F. Newsom was seated as its delegate.

At this time the Association listened to a welcome address from Brother J. M. Spain.

The committee on Order of Business read the following

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

. Devotional.
2. Reading of letters.
3. Organization.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Election of messengers to the State and Southern Baptist Convention.

Tuesday, September 4th.

7:30 p. m.—Associational Sermon.
Report on Foreign Missions.

Wednesday Morning, September 5th.

8:30-9—Devotional.
9-90—Publications.
9:30-10—Laymen's Work.

On motion, the Association instructed the Nominating Committee to nominate a representative of the State Board from this Association.

The committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We recommend that the next Association meet at Farrel with the Oak Ridge Baptist Church, date Tuesday after the first Lord's day in September, 1918, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

We recommend Brother N. W. P. Bacon to preach the introductory sermon and Brother J. L. Phelps as alternate preacher.

Nominations—Delegates to the State Convention to meet at Brookhaven November 16th: Brother Hill, S. G. Salter, J. M. Baker, W. S. Allen and Rev. Martin Ball.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Hot Springs, Ark., May 1918: Brother T. S. Shuford; Alternate, Bro. Jasper.

Associational representative on the State oBard: Brother W. R. Cooper.

Respectfully submitted,
C. S. LONGINO,
J. M. CAUSEY,
J. A. OUSLEY.

The committee on Devotion made the following report, which was adopted:

DEVOTIONAL

Tuesday, Evening Session, 7:30-7:45, E. L. Wesson.
Wednedsay, Morning Session, 8:30-8:45, J. A. Ousley.
Afternoon Session, 2:30-2:45, Martin Ball.
Evening Session, 7:30-7:45, W. J. Derrick.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association met at 7:30 p. m., and the devotional service was conducted by E. L. Wesson, of New Albany.

The hour having arrived, Rev. W. R. Cooper preached the associational sermon from Isa. 11:1.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by R. A. Eddleman and discussed by R. A. Eddleman I. P. Trotter, and J. R. Carter, and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our God has graciously blessed us in His work during the past year, for which we give sincere thanks, and praise His holy name. Notwithstanding the great conflict through which we are passing we can report a year of glorious advance.

When we look back over our work for a few years, we see how

wonderfully God has blessed us, and what marvelous advance has been made in all our work.

What Foreign Missions Has Done For Us.

We generally consider what we have done for foreign missions, but it is well for us to consider simetimes what foreign missions has done for us as a denomination. If anyone will merely look at the history of Southern Baptist, since we commenced the work for world-wide missions, he will see that the development has been wonderful, which no doubt has been caused largely by the world-wide view which was taken. It has caused us to look after education here in the home land. Simply read the life of Luther Rice and what followed therefrom, and we can easily see how our people were brought to understand educational enterprises as they had never done before. They were made to see the necessity of training their children for Christian service, and to a great extent our deep interest in education dated from Luther Rice's return from India.

The Baptists are awake to the world-wide responsibilities at home and abroad, and to the great opportunities and obligations which are before them. By the mission work we are drawn together, and we receive a new conception of unity among us in associations, conventions and other meetings. The mission work brings us to greater liberality, and we have grown in the grace of giving. This has been a blessing to us.

We have come to deeper spirituality. In reaching after souls, the Lord's Spirit has moved with greater power among us, in the performance of duty, trying to save men on the other side of the world, we have found that the Savior has drawn closer and has manifested Himself to us.

The great development of our work in recent years creates heavy demands which should be met by us. Let us make a brief comparison with our work as reported twenty-five years ago and the past convention year—then, we had no medical missionaries, only a native physician on the foreign field. Last year we had three hundred and seven missionaries who reported 6,473 baptisms, 458 churches maintained by the Foreign Mission Board, with a membership of 147,161, 15 medical missionaries, 809 native workers, 668 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 31,575, number of self-supporting churches increased from 95 to 115. There were six trained nurses, 12 native physicians, and 24 native nurses. Eighty-two new stations were opened, 57 Sunday Schools organized, 21 new day schools with 500 pupils, and 18 hospitals that treated 4,234 patients. Out of every dollar contributed to foreign missions, 90.7 cents reached the foreign field. This shows a splendid advance, but I submit for your consideration that the Foreign Mission Board cannot successfully cope with the situation before it, and meet the

critical needs of the work on the mission field already entered unless larger resources can be secured with which to operate.

We prayerfully hope that the churches of this association will give this statement their most serious consideration. Failure to do so invites inevitable loss to the work or another debt on our board.

How May We Meet the Demand?

This is a grave problem which we must solve, and it is our duty to help find an answer to a question which cannot be evaded, and which so concerns the work for which we are largely responsible. We recommend as a solution to this problem: First, that our churches adopt the tithe as the minimum standard of giving, and also Paul's plan of church financing as given to the Corinthian church, as found in I Cor. 16:1-2, employing the envelope and budget system as a means of carrying out this plan. We recommend further that our pastors preach on the subject of tithing and the doctrine of missions, urging our people to tithe and to make sacrificial gifts to missions. We urge further that our pastors and leaders hold mission study classes in all of our churches, and place within each Baptist home of this association tracts, books and literature on missions, thus cultivating our people in the grace of giving.

Foreign missions should be allowed to stand on its merit, and receive the full benefit of all gifts which are designated for it. We ought to sow broadcast the fullest information concerning all departments of the work, and as far as possible, give our people full and exact knowledge of relative needs, and then trust the people, under the Spirit of God, to respond on their own consciences.

Surely we ought to rejoice in a work which brings us the blessings of the larger vision, better education, union, activity, liberality, spirituality, and which helps to save, not only the uttermost part of the earth, but us and our children from selfishness and sordidness. The prosecution of world-wide missions brings the richest blessings, and of these none is greater than the abiding presence of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. EDDLEMAN,
JOHN ~~L. I~~KARD,
J. M. SPAIN.

Dr. J. W. Provine was recognized and spoke to the Association on Christian Education.

The Moderator read the following committees:

Home Missions—J. A. Ousley, T. D. Howel, L. G. Black.

State Missions—C. S. Longino, J. H. Baber, C. F. Newsom.

Colleges and Seminaries—N. W. P. Bacon, J. L. Hill, Nolen B. Corley.

Laymen's Work—S. G. Salter, J. M. Spain, J. M. Causey.

Publications—W. S. Allen, R. L. Bunyard, I. P. Trotter.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The hour having arrived, the devotional exercise was conducted by J. A. Ousley.

The report on Publications was read by W. S. Allen and discussed by W. S. Allen, R. L. Bunyard, E. L. Wesson, Martin Ball, W. J. Derrick, J. B. Lawrence, and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The printed page is today recognized as the greatest source of knowledge and the greatest incentive to action of any agency now in Christian service. Its power and usefulness can no longer be questioned.

The great need of the hour is to so utilize all our publications so as to reach the largest number of our people. The Baptist Record should be in every Baptist home in Mississippi. This would give us an intelligent church membership and set far forward every kingdom interest in Mississippi. Every interest fostered by our people is dependent in large measure upon our paper. How to put the Baptist Record in every Baptist home in our State and get our people to read it is as yet an unsolved problem. But we must work at it.

Another publication that deserves a large circulation among our people is the Home and Foreign Field. Upon it we are dependent mainly for missionary information.

There are many fine books and tracts that ought to be found all over our State. Let us all heed the Scriptural injunction to "give attention to reading."

W. S. ALLEN,
R. L. BUNYARD.

Letters from the following churches were read and delegates seated:

Shelby—R. A. Eddleman J. M. Spain, L. F. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Causey, and T. D. Howel.

Friendship—T. A. Teer, and T. A. Todd.

Committee on Order of Business made a complete report, as follows:

ADDITIONAL REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday—Evening Session.

7:30—Devotional ..... W. J. Derrick
7:45—State Missions.
General Business.

R. A. EDDLEMAN,
MARTIN BALL,
W. R. COOPER.

The Moderator read the following committees:

Orphanage—J. M. Causey, Martin Ball, and Van E. Lester.

Hospitals—L. F. Gregory, Z. B. Smith, and Will P. Servise.

Aged Ministers—T. S. Shuford, Martin Ball, and W. R. Cooper.

Woman's Work—E. L. Wesson, J. L. Hill, and T. A. Teers.

Sunday Schools—W. R. Cooper, J. A. Ousley, and R. A. Eddleman.

Temperance—W. J. Derrick, W. C. McCaug[illegible], and L. B. Black.

Report on Orphanage was read by J. M. Causey, and discussed by J. R. Carter and R. A. Carter and a lopted. A collection was then taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $22.09. Report adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage (our home for homeless children), located at Jackson, Mississippi, has been in successful operation for 20 years. The purpose of the home is to provide food, clothing, shelter and training for the unfortunate orphan children who have neither parents or other relatives to care for them.

We believe orphanage work to be clearly the work of Christ; and our home at Jackson certainly has had the stamp of His approval as the following statistics will show. We learn from the trustees' report to the convention that since the founding of our institution 20 years ago, about 800 children have been cared for, for a longer or shorter time. The majority of them have been returned to the mother or some relative who got in a position to care for them. Ninety-one have been adopted into good Christian homes and are having equal chances with other children throughout the country. A goodly number of them, however, have grown up in our home and have passed out to take their place in the world. Sixty have married and have homes and families of their own, not one of whom so far as we know is raising up a family to be dependent and a care of public charity. Many of our children have succeeded well and have good prospects for a brilliant success in life. Six have taken nurses' training and are succeeding well; eight have taught and so far as we have been able to find out have given satisfaction in their profession. One is a railroad conductor, one is manager of the Western Union Telegraph station at Natchez, Miss. Seven have entered the United States military service, and one has crossed the water and is now fighting in the French army. Six have taken business courses and some are now serving in important offices. One is studying for the ministry and one has volunteered for foreign field service.

Through the kindness and liberality of interested friends, 24 have had the opportunity of college training, and six are now in

college. One of our boys holds a diploma from the Mississippi A. & M. College, and also from the University of Ohio. One of our boys is in business in New Orleans, and is maintaining his sister, in the Mississippi Woman's College. Four of our boys are working their way through school, one of them having sent his sister to Blue Mountain for four years. Many others are working on farms, at mills, in machine shops, and other callings and making a comfortable living for themselves. Some we have lost sight of entirely, but when last heard of were on the right line, and gave promise of developing into useful men and women.

We commend our Orphanage to the cordial support of all our people, and would recommend that the Sunday Schools of our Association adopt the plan of giving monthly to the Orphanage and that all our churches take a special thank offering during the month of November. In addition to the money contributions, let our churches, Sunday Schools and W. M. U's send supplies of food, clothing, taking advantage, whenever possible, of the free cars that run during the latter part of November and early part of December, which will carry all donations free of charge to the Orphanage. Send corn, peas, canned goods, cured meats, sugar, rice, oatmeal, molasses, lard, and all kinds of clothing (good secondhand clothing acceptable), sheets, pillow cases, shoes, soap, towels, pins, needles, pencils, tablets, elastic, buttons, etc. Anything that can be used in the support of the ordinary family can be used at the Orphanage.

Let us not forget in our prayers to remember our little ones and those who care for them.

J. M. CAUSEY,
MARTIN BALL.

Report on Woman's Work was read by E. L. Wesson and also the total to the report of the W. M. U. on its work. Discussed by E. L. Wesson, W. R. Cooper, Martin Ball, W. S. Allen, R. A. Eddleman, L. F. Gregory, J. B. Lawrence, and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on Woman's Work submits the following report:

Our women are leading us men in the work of systematic beneficence. They are trying to follow strictly the Word of God and contribute regularly to the various interests fostered by the Baptist churches of our State. Their report, which we submit with this, will show to you the wisdom and benefit of regular systematic work and giving. We commend their report to the churches and recom-

mend that all of the churches adopt the budget system and give regularly to all of our interests.

E. L. WESSON,
J. F. HILL,
T. A. TEER.

On motion, the Association ratified the action of the W. M. U. in the election of Mrs. T. J. Mangham, Superintendent of Woman's Work in the Sunflower Association, and Mrs. L. F. Gregory, Secretary.

The report on Home Missions was read by J. A. Ousley, and discussed by J. A. Ousley, W. J. Derrick and J. B. Lawrence, and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The old idea of dividing the subject of missions into home and foreign is changing, in the fact that these two fields are becoming interlocked, and in our membership coming to see the truth that missions is one great work for us to do. No longer is the question, Are you in favor of ofreign or home missions? but the church must express its life in supporting missions.

Our Home Mission Board has the honored distinction of reporting more converts and baptisms every year than any other Home Mission Board in America, and with practically the least expense in administration.

Nearly 40,000 baptisms in the great work God has wrought, and about a half a million dollars were the receipts at the small administration expense of less than 5 per cent.

A problem confronting this work is to aid in enlisting more fully in the work of the church the 3,000,000 Baptists, most of whom have preaching only once a month. Another problem is to take our part in furnishing the preaching of the gospel to the Baptist boys and saving them from sin in the training camps.

The different phases of this work are already numerous and growing more so, such as evangelism and church building and enlistment, work in Cuba, Panama and the mountains, also among the Negroes, foreigners and Indians, through working with other missions in such needy states as New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. The present great war adds more work.

Our year's work is planned on the apportionment of $505,193. This means that loyalty and sacrifice are necessary. Let us as an association of churches meet every apportionment so that Mississippi shall not fall behind in 1918, as heretofore.

Prayerfully, with love to Him and the work, let us do our part.

J. A. OUSLEY,
T. D. HOWELLS,
LESTER BLACK.

The report on Aged Ministers was read by T. S. Shuford, and discussed by T. S. Shuford, E. L. Wesson, J. B. Lawrence, and adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

No cause fostered by our denomination should appeal to our people more strongly than the needs of our old preachers. These noble servants of God deserve a more worthy consideration than they have received at the hands of the people they have served. The man who enters the ministry cannot hope to lay up even an adequate support for old age. He barely receives enough for a living. He comes to old age empty handed. It is amazing that God's people have been so indifferent toward this matter. From a Scriptural standpoint we are under just as much obligation to care for the men who have worn themselves out in the service of the churches as we are to care for those now actively engaged in this service. It is our shame that so little has been done. Our Baptist people have fallen far behind all the other leading denominations in the support we have given this very worthy cause. We have now something like 25 old ministers and ministers' widows receiving help from this fund. About $2,000.00 is given each year for this pressing need which is a mere pittance and should be largely increased. It is with pleasure that we report the magnificent gift of Mrs. Henderson, of Greenwood, to our State Convention Board, of the splendid home of her father, the late Senator George. This fine old home has been well cared for and is in splendid condition. There are about 800 acres of good land in the place. This noble gift should inspire our people to rise up in their strength and see that these faithful servants of our Lord are worthily cared for in their old age.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. SHUFORD.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour having arrived, the Association came to order and devotional services were conducted by Martin Ball.

The report on Temperance was read by W. J. Derrick, and discussed by W. J. Derrick, L. G. Black and W. R. Cooper.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The progress of the prohibition cause in our country during the past 25 years has been well nigh marvelous. From the bitterest opposition from almost all the walks of life we have come to the place of warmest friendship among the same people. The victory

for national prohibition is in sight. On the first day of August, 1917, the United States Senate passed a bill with eight votes to spare, submitting a prohibition amendment to our Constitution to be ratified by the several states.

Our day of deliverance from demon rum is drawing nigh, for which we are all most devoutly thankful. Very much of the progress made in temperance legislation and in the enforcement of prohibition laws, is due to the efficient efforts of the Anti-Saloon League. It is highly important that this organization continue to receive our cordial and earnest support. This is no time for indifference on our part. This hydra-headed demon dies hard, but it must die. So mote it be.

W. J. DERRICK,
W. C. McCOUGHAN,
— — BLACK.

The Moderator announced the standing committees and the Executive Committee, which appear in the front of the minutes.

The report on Colleges and Seminaries was read by N. W. P. Bacon and was discussed by E. L. Wesson, W. J. Derrick, Martin Ball, L. G. Black, L. F. Gregory, Brother Cole and N. W. P. Bacon, and adopted.

REPORT ON COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES.

The time has passed when an essay is necessary to convince the intelligent of the importance of higher education and others would not be convinced "though one rose from the dead." Therefore, but little more is necessary in a report on colleges and seminaries than to give name and location of such institutions and to assure such of our sympathy and confidence, and reaffirm our loyalty and once more pledge them our support.

Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Miss., is our great school for the education of our young men. The influence of this venerable institution upon the progress of Mississippi Baptists can never be overestimated. Baptists outnumber all other religious bodies in the State. Much of this success is due to the influence of the 630-odd alumni who have gone out from this institution to become leaders in every walk of life. There is scarcely a community in this great State whose leading citizens are not alumni of Mississippi College. The 116 preachers, 119 teachers, 86 lawyers, 52 physicians and 16 bankers, to say nothing of those of other pursuits who were trained in this institution, have contributed no small part to the present proud position occupied by Baptists in this commonwealth. Dr. J. W. Provine is the president and guiding genius of this successful Baptist enterprise.

Clarke Memorial College, located at Newton, it was hoped would furnish a school for the education of the young men of East Mississippi. But for some reason the people of this great section have failed to appreciate the importance of this young college. The future has yet to demonstrate the wisdom of annexing this school to our convention activities. Let us hope that it may yet prove a great school where the youth of this vast section of Baptist territory may be prepared for higher education at Mississippi College. Dr. Bryan Simmons, of Newton, Mississippi, is the honored and consecrated president of this school.

The Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg is the youngest of our educational institutions and is designed to give to our Baptist girls such advantages as Mississippi College affords our boys. Some of us were alarmed when this enterprise was taken over by our convention, but its triumphant success has vindicated the judgment of other brethren who were evidently better informed. The fact that it opened its fifth session with 233 students demonstrates the need for this school in South Mississippi. It is also an eloquent testimonial to the fitness for the position of its president, Dr. J. L. Johnson, and his noble and consecrated consort.

These three institutions belong to and are controlled by the Baptists of Mississippi through the State Convention.

Mississippi Baptists are peculiarly fortunate in that there is a great female college in North Mississippi, located at Blue Mountain and known as Blue Mountain Female College, also another nearer Central Mississippi, located at Clinton and known as Hillman College. Both these schools, while not under the control of the convention, are yet owned and controlled by staiwart Baptists—Lowrey & Berry, with W. T. Lowrey, D. D., LL. D., of Blue Mountain, Miss., president of both of these colleges.

For the better equipment of our preachers we have the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., E. Y. Mullins, president, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Fort Worth, Texas, L. R. Scarborough, president.

We are firmly fixed in the unalterable conviction that Baptist young people should be trained in Baptist institutions and that Mississippi Baptist young people should be trained in Mississippi Baptist institutions. We are just as fully persuaded that Baptists should so equip these institutions that their children could get training quite equal to that furnished by any other institution in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

N. W. P. BACON,
J. L. HILL,
NOLEN B. CAULEY.

Report on Laymen's Work was read by S. G. Salter, and was discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Several years ago a few of the consecrated men of the churches saw that the great body of the men or lay-members of the church were not interested in the primary purposes of a Missionary Baptist church. To remedy this seeming lack of interest there was a movement set on foot to teach these laymen the needs of the church, its hopes and aspirations, its privileges and duties. This was done through conventions and individual contact with a few members in each church they represented. They in turn coming to their respective churches to enthuse its various members. The result is that the Southern Baptist Convention has organized a department of laymen, led by Dr. J. T. Henderson, whose sole purpose is to organize the men of the South and get them to make a practical religion—a religion that has business and business principals in it, and a church well directed socially, morally, religiously and financially. While the financial results have not been all that can be hoped for it, still the movement is yet in its infancy. There are a great many men formerly laymen in the church who are being taught that they have a place in the active church life—that they are leaders undeveloped as yet but with great possibilities for the cause of the Master.

Are we asking too much of the members when we earnestly recommend more earnest effort on the part of our laymen?

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. SALTER, Chairman.
J. M. CAUSEY,
J. M. SPANN.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Delta is still mission territory; and

Whereas, There is a constant loss of Baptists to our denomination; and

Whereas, There is a great need for a missionary in the Delta; therefore be it

Resolved, first, That this association memorializes the State Convention, through their representative, to place a suitable man in the field.

Second, That the Deer Creek Association be asked to co-operate with the Sunflower Association in making the request.

Third, That the representatives of these two associations together with the missionary shall constitute a committee to consider work and questions peculiar to the Delta work.

L. F. GREGORY.

The report on Hospitals was read by L. F. Gregory, and discussed by W. J. Derrick, and adopted.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS.

Your committee has been unable to get from the hospitals all the information desired, and therefore must report such facts as it has been able to ascertain.

Mississippi Baptists are interested in two hospitals—the Baptist Memorial Hospital, in Memphis, and the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. The first is the property of the Baptist conventions of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee; the second is owned and controlled by the Baptists of the State.

Campaigns have been made and pledges have been taken for both of these institutions. There yet remains some of those pledges unpaid. This has been due no doubt to the fact that some did not thoroughly understand their obligations and that some have been delayed on account of crop conditions. It goes without saying that it would have been far better for the institutions had these pledges been met promptly. Their opportunities would have been enlarged over what they have been.

The trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis are planning to build another wing. The contract has been let already. This wing when completed is to cost $250,000.00. Mississippi has been asked to raise $10,000.00 of this amount. The hospital has long been in need of room, many a time accommodations have been sought and the hospital has been found full. In order to accommodate patients, rooms of the nurses have been turned into rooms for patients, and in many instances the halls have been used. When this wing has been completed, it is confidently believed that we will have then all the room that is needed.

The trustees of the Baptist Hospital are not contemplating any improvements but is in need of some furniture. Both hospitals can use all the linen which may be sent them. Several hundred sheets and pillow cases are greatly needed and should be supplied.

Three hospitals are denominational in ownership, but they are undenominational in service and treatment. These institutions receive patients of any creed and patients of no creed. Their work is both remunerative and non-remunerative, or it has both pay patients and charity patients. They appeal to the Baptists of the State for support.

The hospital management at Jackson asks that some chairs, plain and substantial, be given to the hospital, and both ask that linen in large quantities be sent them.

Therefore your committee would recommend:

1. That all who have unredeemed pledges do what they can to pay them at their earliest convenience.

2. That each church do its part towards raising the $10,000.00 which the State has been asked to raise.

3. That some one or a number of Baptists or societies contribute the chairs needed by the Baptist Hospital.

4. And that our W. M. U. take up the matter of furnishing these hospitals with some of the linen needed.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. GREGORY,
W. J. DERRICK,
B. H. WEBB.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by W. R. Cooper, and discussed by W. R. Cooper, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is a well known and recognized fact that the Sunday School is one of the very great forces in the kingdom of God today. It is one of the truly great factors in the church of Christ. It is one of the eminently great powers wielded by the church today. The aggregate report of all the schools in the State and the South is nothing short of phenomenal.

It is a tremendous force because of its aim. The age long purpose of the Sunday School is an accurate and systematic study of the Bible. A great character in the Book, or a bristling and scintillating truth imparted to pupils in the class room makes character, raises standards, creates principles, and inculcates spirit. Boys and girls are the greatest asset a community ever had. Now to endow them with the living truth is to turn out the greatest product of efficiency of the country. It is a great force not only because of its teaching the truth, doctrine, spirit, but its aim is to lead the lost to the Christ. The Sunday School is a prolific source of supply to the church. We have only to look at the reports of the letters to this Association to know where most of the membership of the churches come from.

It is a great power because it unifies the community. They come together to study God's Word and think God's thoughts together for an hour and this unifies the town or community both in a social and spiritual way, and this is elevating society in an eminent degree. It is the setting for kingdom principles and potentialities and is epoch-making for the community.

It has been incomparable in its growth, and we can only contrast it with its beginning. With Robert Rakes it was for small children and the textbook a spelling book—now it goes hand in hand with the church all around the world. Contrast it with the school of Green, Wannemaker, Lawrence, Pepper and Byrd.

We recommend for greater efficiency the taking of the available periodicals and faithfulness both in making the schools larger and better. Also that every church not having a Sunday School will or-

ganize one at once and that the stronger churches lend a helping hand.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. COOPER,
J. A. OUSLEY.

The following amendment was adopted:

We recommend that an Associational Sunday School Convention for this Association be organized, to hold one day's session early in the month of June, and a committee be appointed to arrange for the place, date and program.

The following committee was appointed:

Committee to arrange for an Associational Sunday School Convention: J. A. Ousley, L. G. Black, W. S. Allen. (With permission to add two more.)

The retiring Treasurer, J. A. Ousley, made a report to the Association of his books, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Receipts.

1916.		
Sept. 1—Amount on hand		$ 403.58
1917.		
Received from Ruth's Chapel		1.50
April 21—Received from Rome on extra minute fund		1.00
April 21—Received from Sumner on extra minute fund		2.00
April 21—Received from Marks on extra minute fund		2.00
May 20—Borrowed from L. F. Gregory for minute fund		5.00
Receipts unaccounted for		4.83
Received on expenses of delegate to S. B. C.—		
Rome Ch.	$ 2.00	
Lula	2.00	
Lambert	2.00	
Birdie	1.00	
Clarksdale	1.00	
Marks	10.00	
Dwiggins	1.00	
Duncan	2.00	
Shelby	3.00	
		24.00
Total		$ 443.91

Disbursements.

1916.	
Sept. 1—To State Missions	$ 325.00
Sept. 1—To Orphanage	10.00

Sept. 1—To Clerk's salary	25.00
Sept. 1—To postage and telephone messages	2.44
Dec. 15—To Clarksdale Challenge, part on publishing	46.47
1917.	
June 1—To Bolivar Commercial on publishing	11.00
June 1—To delegate of Association to S. B. C.	24.00
Aug. 31—To balance due Bolivar Commercial	12.53
Total	$ 456.44
Debt	12.53
	$ 443.91

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Devotional services were conducted by W. J. Derrick at 7:30.

The report on State Missions was read by Martin Ball and discussed by J. B. Lawrence, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee realizes fully the importance of this great work as resting at the basis of all other mission work. At the last State Convention, Corresponding Secretary J. B. Lawrence recommended a five-year program for the consideration of the convention. The object of the plan was to unite all Baptists in the State in the work of winning the lost to Christ, to train those who are won to Him, sow down the State with good gospel seed, and to cultivate the plants that spring up; also to take care of the buildings which have been erected, and aid in the construction of others to protect the tender plants.

The missionary policy of the New Testament is to begin where you are and work to the uttermost bounds of the earth. The great apostle to the Gentiles heard the marching orders of the Captain of our salvation and proceeded to execute these commands, giving his entire life to the work. He located churches at the important places and radiated from these centers. We cannot afford to be weak on State Missions, for our weakness will be felt and seen in distant lands.

The following work was reported as having been accomplished during the last conventional year: 6,695 sermons were preached by co-operative pastors and missionaries, 1,332 baptisms, 1,116 received by letter, $8,841.26 raised for church building, $2,116.27 for State Missions, $1,768.96 for Home Missions, $2,489.58 for

Foreign Missions, $20,774.12 for all other objects. This was done by fields aided by the Board.

The State Mission Board spent $38,473.68 during the year and collected $38,222.41, leaving a deficit of $251.27, which amount came to the Board the next day after the books closed. So there was no debt reported at the convention.

The churches are asked to give this year $41,000.00 for State Missions and an equitable apportionment has been suggested. The cause demanded this small advance. It is right that we should make it. To fail to go forward, under present conditions, is to prove ourselves recreant to the trusts committed to us. It would mean to default in the hour of our supremest opportunity. Every man who has any vision should talk up, not down, this work. Lift up a standard, lift it up high enough to be seen. The heroic spirit is invoked everywhere. Our bravest and best young men are going abroad to offer their lives for the good of humanity. We will be greatly remiss if we do not invoke this spirit in the service of the King Eeternal. Christianity in full action is heroic.

The necessity of the cause to which we are committed, the superabundance of material things in our hands, our trusteeship in the kingdom unite to make all advance inevitable.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. LONGINO, Chairman.

On motion, the meeting was changed to the first Tuesday following the first Sunday in October, 1918, at 3 p. m.

We recommend for Superintendent for next year: Mrs. T. J. Mangham; for Secretary, Mrs. L. F. Gregory.

The following resolution was adopted by the Association, being offered by W. S. Allen:

Resolved, That we extend to the people of Shelby and the members of the Shelby Baptist Church our most hearty appreciation for the great kindness and gracious hospitality shown the members of the Association during its sitting, and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

The following brethren were elected as alternates to the State Convention: N. W. P. Bacon, L. F. Gregory, C. S. Longino, T. S. Shuford, L. G. Black and J. A. Nations.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from the churches of Sunflower Association for minutes and Clerk:

Bethel	$ 3.00
Drew	8.00

Lula	5.00
Rich	1.30
Oak Ridge	15.00
Clarksdale	5.00
Clarksdale (on debt)	5.00
Rome	3.00
Sumner	10.00
Marks	5.50
Duncan	2.50
Lyon	7.50
Coahoma	1.50
Friendship	3.00
Belen	2.50
Shelby	5.00
Dwiggins	4.00
Webb	3.00
Lambert	2.75
Ruth's Chapel	2.30
Darling	3.00
Total	$ 92.85
For Aged Ministers' Relief	15.20

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have printed 500 copies of the minutes and the Clerk be allowed $25.00 for his services.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday following the first Sunday in October, at 3 p. m., with the church at Oak Ridge.

N. W. P. BACON, Moderator.
L. F. GREGORY, Clerk.

Our Dead

Mrs. Florence Bishop

Miss Lois Wildberger

G. W. Wise

Miss Martha Prewit

Miss Louise Stubbs

W. A. Wilkerson

Fred Conner

Rev. H. A. Furson

Brother Jennings, Sr.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be called the Sunflower Baptist Association, and shall consist of churches of the Baptist denomination in regular standing.

Article II. The object of this Association shall be to digest and organize an operative system of measures to promote the general interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom; but in no instance shall it infringe on the independence of churches.

Article III. Churches of the same faith and order with this body may be admitted to membership in this Association by signifying their desire by letter and messengers.

Article IV. Each church of this Association shall be entitled to five messengers, who, on presenting their church letters, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats and all the privileges of the Association.

Article V. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, to be selected by a majority of the messengers present at each session. These officers, together with four other members appointed by the Moderator, shall form an Executive Committee, four of whom shall constitute a quorum, who shall attend to all business during the period between the sittings of the Association.

Article VI. This Association shall never possess any power or authority over the churches. It may act as an advisory council only. Yet it shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any church known to be in disorder or that fails to represent itself for three consecutive meetings of the Association.

Article VII. The Moderator shall preside over the meetings of the Association. He shall appoint all committees, and may vote in case of a tie.

Article VIII. The Clerk shall keep a true record of all the proceedings of the Association, and be responsible for all articles and documents committed to his care.

Article IX. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and

properties of the Association and be responsible for the same; he shall not pay out any money save by order of the Association, or Executive Committee, and shall report all disbursements at each meeting of the Association.

Article X. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular sitting of the Association by vote of two-thirds of the messengers present.

Article XI. The Clerk of the Association, in making up the statistical tables for the annual minutes, shall draw from past minutes the membership of non-reporting churches to the Association in session, and thereby keep a complete record of said churches and their membership.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the messengers present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order; but any member not satisfied with his decisions may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent day.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion and, if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for its discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays; and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at

a time, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or makes a personal reflection.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity; nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.

9. The Association in all cases shall be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required; but in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by members when addressing each other.

12. These rules may be suspended for the time being by a vote of the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

14. Amendments and alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

ALL TO THE CREDIT OF THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Hospitals	Other Objects	Ministerial Education
en	$ 375 00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 2 50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
hel	240 00		10 00		12 00		3 00		15 00	4 50	4 50							
die	50 00		2 00		6 00		1 50						8 00					
rksdale	1200 00	432 30	365 20	205 50	170 41	20 00	10 00		126 17	79 84	25 10	38 50	154 36	5 00	33 50	10 00	492 91	28 50
homa	200 00			150 00		150 00	1 50		25 00	25 00	27 00		115 00		175 00			
rling							3 00											
ew	1000 00	366 21	20 05		135 00	30 00	8 00		113 75		2 00		165 65			13 50	25 00	10 00
ncan	400 00	6281 66	37 49	250 06	26 75		2 50		27 00	24 00	80 00	10 00	58 50	24 00		14 00	346 50	
iggins	200 00			25 00			4 00			7 15	7 15		12 25	10 00			3 60	
endship	122 00		30 00	40 00	8 00		3 00		20 00	18 85	20 00		50 00		13 50			
nnison	300 00	60 00	50 00		25 00		1 00			20 00	25 00							
ndora							1 50											
mbert	275 00		35 00	74 00	25 00	5 90	2 75	5 00	2 00	20 00	20 35		15 00		5 00			
la	500 00	5000 00	12 00	18 00	39 25	3 05	5 00		10 00	18 06	21 25	715 10	151 14	15 50		15 50	284 60	115 00
on	650 00	200 00	50 00	193 00	35 75	50 00	7 50		150 00	150 66	183 33	40 00	115 00		140 00	124 70	443 60	72 00
rks	1200 00	2916 06	177 17	200 00	50 00	110 00	7 50		264 06	105 00	22 50		60 00	19 25	924 48		400 00	16 00
k Ridge	720 00			88 40			15 00		376 55	179 35	100 70		554 72					25 00
ch	174 50	23 00	12 00	65 00	15 37		1 30	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		13 60	6 00	25 00			3 50
me	150 00	151 00	12 50	67 00	23 18	35 00	3 00	3 50	10 00	11 00	16 50		17 00		6 00	10 00	1 50	
th's Chapel	64 25	140 55	6 25				2 30			3 00	4 00		6 00					
elby	900 00	2759 10	126 98	200 00	78 43		5 00		88 00	92 62	88 96		148 75	9 80	41 50		242 59	23 90
mner	1800 00	2900 00		185 06	227 06	168 00	10 00	15 00	160 00	250 00	300 06		315 00	65 00			571 00	25 00
nica	420 00		60 27	67 53					55 00	22 00	22 00		10 00	12 50				27 50
twiler	300 00	2700 00	3 00		4 00		2 00											
ebb	300 00	124 00	35 00	64 00	35 89	50 00	3 00		65 00	14 00	27 00		108 00	8 00	13 00	10 00		
nestown	112 50									10 00	10 00				100 00	5 00	37 00	
Totals	$9961 45	$21253 82	$1041 25	$1492 49	$ 932 57	525 95	$83 85	$28 50	$1537 47	$1014 31	$1122 14	$823 60	$2087 90	$175 11	$2723 98	$337 70	$2656 62	$326 40

GENERAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	Sundays of Preaching	GAINS: By Baptism	GAINS: By Letter	GAINS: By Statement	LOSSES: By Letter	LOSSES: By Exclusion	LOSSES: By Death	No. Males	No. Females	Total	Value Church Property	Value Pastor's Home	Total
Belen	E. L. Wesson, New Albany	Mrs. J. B. Rowe, Belen		--	3	--	3	--	--	--	--	63	$1500 00	$	$1500 00
Bethel	J. E. Kinsey, Clinton	R. E. Finley, Drew	4th	10	5	1	--	--	--	38	33	71			
Birdie	J. A. Ousley, Tutwiler	J. M. Whatley, Birdie	1st	--	1	1	--	--	--	13	14	27	1200 00		1200 00
Clarksdale	Martin Ball, Clarksdale	W. V. Jenkins, Clarksdale	Full Time	12	33	--	10	--	1	--	--	184	1000 00	6000 00	7000 00
Coahoma	W. S. Allen, Lyon	A. R. Frazier, Coahoma	1st and 3rd	--	2	--	--	--	--	7	7	14	1800 00		1800 00
Darling	L. G. Black, Clarksdale	W. C. Goodman, Darling		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--				
Drew	J. L. Phelps, Drew	Wiley P. Sanders, Drew	Half Time	10	10	--	7	--	--	--	--	144	1000 00	3000 00	4000 00
Dwiggins	L. F. Gregory, Shelby	Mrs. Howerton, Dwiggins	4th	1	5	--	--	--	--	13	13	26			
Friendship	J. P. White, Sumner	T. A. Teer, Sumner	3rd	5	2	--	10	--	--	40	42	82	1500 00		1500 00
Glendora	W. R. Cooper, Sumner	Mrs. L. R. Dubard, Glendora		--	--	--	--	--	--	8	17	25			
Gunnison	R. D. Maum, Gunnison	L. H. Cockerham, Gunnison		--	--	--	--	--	--	13	11	24	2000 00	1500 00	3500 00
Jonestown		R. R. Longino, Jonestown		--	--	--	--	--	--	7	6	13			
Lambert	J. A. Ousley, Tutwiler	W. H. Black, Lambert	4th	2	9	--	3	2	--	22	33	60	900 00		900 00
Lula	D. H. S. Cox, Doddsville	Mrs. J. J. Dillard, Lula	2nd and 4th	--	3	--	4	--	2	14	21	35	10000 00		10000 00*
Lyon	W. S. Allen, Lyon	Chas. G. Bobo, Lyon	1st and 3rd	5	4	--	--	--	--	21	26	47	3000 00	3500 00	6500 00
Marks	N. W. P. Bacon, Marks	J. M. Causey, Marks	1st, 2nd, 4th	37	11	--	3	--	1	63	67	130	15000 00		15000 00
Oak Ridge	W. J. Derrick, Water Valley	J. M. Baber, Farrell		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	3000 00		3000 00
Rich	J. A. Ousley, Tutwiler	J. A. Barber, Rich	1st	1	--	--	--	--	--	7	16	23	2500 00		2500 00
Rome	J. A. Ousley, Tutwiler	W. M. Biggs, Rome	3rd	14	8	--	2	1	1	34	33	67	3000 00		3000 00
Ruth Chapel	J. A. Ousley, Tutwiler	A. L. Tenhet, Marks	4th	37	16	3	17	3	--	37	36	73			
Shelby	R. A. Eddleman, Shelby	Homer Cruse, Shelby	1st, 2nd, 3rd	13	12	--	4	--	1	53	58	111	12000 00	2000 00	15000 00
Sumner	W. R. Cooper, Sumner	A. L. Whitten, Sumner	Full Time	19	9	--	6	--	3	--	--	134	25000 00	3500 00	28500 00†
Tunica	N. W. P. Bacon, Marks	L. E. Mitchel, Tunica	3rd	--	11	--	2	--	--	10	25	35	2000 00		2000 00
Tutwiler	L. F. Gregory, Shelby	Mr. Morris, Tutwiler	1st	--	2	--	--	--	1	--	--	38	3500 00		3500 00
Webb	J. P. White, Sumner	J. I. Hill, Webb	2nd and 4th	1	2	--	2	--	--	33	50	83	4000 00		4000 00
Duncan	R. A. Eddleman, Shelby	Van E. Lester, Duncan	4th	6	15	--	2	--	1	25	25	50	6300 00		6300 00

* Proposed Church. † Building Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS

ENROLLMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Shelby	R. A. Eddleman, Shelby	Homer Cruse, Shelby	1st, 2nd, 3rd	13	12	--	4	--	1	55	55	111	12000 00	2000 00	10000 00						
Sumner	W. R. Cooper, Sumner	A. L. Whitten, Sumner	Full Time	19	9	--	6	--	3	--	--	134	25000 00	3500 00	28500 00†						
Tunica	N. W. P. Bacon, Marks	L. E. Mitchel, Tunica	3rd	--	11	--	2	--	--	10	25	35	2000 00	--------	2000 00						
Tutwiler	L. F. Gregory, Shelby	Mr. Morris, Tutwiler	1st	--	2	--	--	--	1	--	--	38	3500 00	--------	3500 00						
Webb	J. P. White, Sumner	J. I. Hill, Webb	2nd and 4th	1	2	--	2	--	--	33	50	83	4000 00	--------	4000 00						
Duncan	R. A. Eddleman, Shelby	Van E. Lester, Duncan	4th	6	15	--	2	--	1	25	25	50	6300 00	--------	6300 00						

* Proposed Church. † Building Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY AND POSTOFFICE	ENROLLMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS													PRESIDENT B. Y. P. U.	No. Members	Contributions from B. Y. P. U.
			No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils	Total Enrollment	No. Church Members in S.S.	Mo. Open	No. Baptisms from S. S.	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	All Other Objects	Total				
l	R. E. Finley, Drew	Mrs. Florence Bishop, Drew	1	6	50	56	--	12	--	$12 00	$------	$------	$------	$------			--	$------
		Mrs. Jessie Griffin, Birdie	1	4	25	31	15	8	--	6 00	------	8 00	------	14 00			--	------
sdale	J. M. Brooks, Clarksdale	R. B. Cooper, Clarksdale	1	12	108	120	--	12	6	98 91	24 89	65 86	24 00	207 61			--	------
ma			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	------	------	------	------	------			--	------
g			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	------	------	------	------	------			--	------
	Wiley P. Sanders, Drew	L. L. Manning, Drew	1	11	140	151	25	12	5	85 00	25 00	25 00	------	135 00	C. E. Burts	30		------
n	N. S. Toler, Duncan	R. F. Smith, Duncan	1	9	47	56	39	12	2	26 75	10 00	------	2 35	39 10			--	------
gins	J. A. Lay, Rome	Inez Ferguson, Sumner	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	------	------	------	------	------			--	------
dship			1	7	50	57	25	12	2	8 00	------	------	------	------			--	------
ison	J. W. Potts, Gunnison	Mrs. R. D. Maum, Gunnison	1	6	35	41	20	12	--	------	------	------	------	------			--	------
ora			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	------	------	------	------	------			--	------
town			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	------	------	------	------	------			--	------
ert	L. H. Barnett, Lambert	Mrs. C. D. Johnson, Lambert	1	15	119	134	25	13	--	25 00	5 00	------	------	------			--	------
	W. M. Moore, Lula	Mrs. Willie Dillard, Lula	1	8	60	78	35	12	--	39 25	17 00	88 14	10 00	155 38			--	------
	T. S. Shuford, Lyon	B. K. Bobo, Lyon	1	8	32	40	20	12	2	35 00	35 00	10 00	17 50	97 50			--	------
	J. M. Causey, Marks	J. P. Turner, Marks	1	12	136	148	60	12	20	50 00	12 50	60 00	165 00	288 00			--	------
Ridge	J. C. Corley, Farrell	Tracy Porter, Farrell	1	6	40	46	34	12	1	33 30	70 80	60 00	313 25	554 72			--	------
	R. W. Martin, Rome	Frank Conner, Rome	1	8	65	73	50	12	13	23 18	5 00	------	------	28 18			--	------
s Chapel	A. L. Tenhet, Marks	Mrs. J. Morton, Darling	1	6	44	50	20	9	--	1 41	------	------	------	------			--	------
y	J. M. Spain, Shelby	C. D. Toler, Shelby	1	14	75	89	60	12	--	78 42	26 94	15 96	74 84	196 18	Mr. Grubbs	27	17	10
er	M. H. James, Sumner	A. L. Whitten, Sumner	1	8	---	97	--	--	10	------	------	------	------	------			--	------
a	L. E. Mitchel, Tunica	Miss Inez Gore, Tunica	1	6	57	63	15	12	--	67 55	------	------	------	------			--	------
ller	W. P. Night, Tutwiler	Dave Jennings	1	7	27	34	12	3	--	4 00	------	------	------	4 00			--	------
	R. L. Armstrong, Webb	Miss Janie McIrvin, Webb	1	9	65	74	35	12	1	35 89	25 00	------	------	60 89			--	------
	J. H. Rowe, Belen	Mrs. J. B. Butler, Belen	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	------	------	------	------	44 40			--	------
	J. A. Barbee, Rich	Mrs. Geo. Morgan, Rich	1	5	30	35	15	--	1	15 37	13 04	6 60	------	35 01			--	------

PROCEEDINGS OF W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Sunflower Association met in Shelby, September 4th, at 2 o'clock p. m. It was opened by Rev. R. A. Eddleman leading in prayer.

The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Eddleman.

The policy of work by the State was read and the following Unions were represented:

Lambert, Friendship, Duncan, Shelby, Ruth's Chapel, Lyon (Miss Bettie Shuford), Rome (Mrs. Biggs), Clarksdale (Mrs. W. Jenkins and Pearl Markham), Webb (Mrs. J. L. Hill), Oak Ridge (Mrs. Smith), Belen (Mrs. Covington), Sumner (Mrs. Whitten), Lula (Mrs. Dillard), Shelby (Mrs. Henry), Marks (Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Turner and daughter).

Here the Superintendent, Mrs. T. J. Mangham, read her report on work done.

REPORT OF MRS. TOM J. MANGHAM, SUPT.

Postage	$ 10.91
Railroad fare	2.54
Meals	.50
Stationery	3.75
Envelopes	.50
Folders	1.00
Luncheon	.25
Mileage	20.00
Programs, Webb	2.00
Check ret'd, Lula	2.00
Programs, Shelby	2.25
Pennant	2.50
Telephone	2.00
Cash on hand	7.70
Total	$ 57.90
Receipts	$ 57.90

Statistical Report.

Miles traveled	626
Letters written	141
Leaflets mailed	346
Year Books mailed	70
Training School literature	275

Minutes of Association	30
Christmas offering literature	250
March Week of Prayer literature	275
Envelopes missionary offering	480
Report cards	300
Mileage bought	1,000
Mileage used	626
Mileage on hand	374
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	$ 7.48
Cash on hand	7.70
Total	$ 15.18

A committee was appointed to nominate a Superintendent of the W. M. U. for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Aven, of Clinton, delivered an inspiring address on woman's work, though out of the convention.

Church building and loan fund was emphasized and it was asked that it be pressed through October.

Committee nominated Mrs. T. J. Mangham, Superintendent, and Mrs. L. F. Gregory, Secretary, for the coming associational year.

W. M. U. Delegates.

Mrs. V. E. Lester	Duncan
Mrs. Z. B. Smith	Duncan
Mrs. P. P. Darr	Alligator
Mrs. J. H. Boschert	Duncan
Mrs. P. D. Morgan	Duncan
Mrs. R. P. Hearn	Duncan
Mrs. A. J. Aven	Clinton
Mrs. McCaughn	Oak
Mrs. S. Zu Smith	Oak Ridge
Mrs. J. M. Baber	Oak Ridge
Mrs. J. J. Dillard	Lula
Mrs. W. F. Rainey	Rich
Mrs. I. W. Rainey	Lula
Mrs. J. P. Hill, Jr.	Clarksdale
Mrs. E. J. McDaniel	Rome

Mrs. W. M. Biggs ..... Rome
Mrs. W. V. Jenkins ..... Clarksdale
Mrs. S. V. Whitten ..... Sumner
Miss Bettie Shuford ..... Lyon
Mrs. W. T. Covington ..... Belen
Mrs. J. L. Hill ..... Webb
Mrs. N. W. P. Bacon ..... Marks

Constitution.

Article I. This organization shall be called the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Sunflower Baptist Association.

Article II. The object of this organization shall be to stimulate a missionary spirit among the women and children of the churches in the Association, through an increased knowledge of the Bible, study of missions, and some form of personal service in our community, regular contributions to Home, Foreign and State Missions, the Woman's Missionary Training School and Orphanage, and all works fostered by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. Any Woman's Missionary Union in the Association may become a member by reporting quarterly to the Superintendent and sending representation to the annual meeting of the Association.

Article IV. The Superintendent shall receive all money from the W. M. U's for necessary expenses; she shall be responsible for same and make an itemized report at the annual meeting of the Association.

Article V. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Association at the annual meetings, and prepare all letters and reports for publication.

Article VI. Each W. M. U. will be allowed three messengers to the annual meeting of the Association.

Article VII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular sitting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present.

W. M. U. STATISTICS, BY SUPT. MRS. T. J. MANGHAM

CHURCHES	Building Fund	Goodwill Center Fund	Charity	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage Fund	Aged Ministers	Education	Home Uses	Boxes	Hospital	Training School	Literature	Bible Fund	Associational Fund	Totals
Lula	$12 50	$3 00	$300 00	$ 10 00	$ 10 00	$ 20 00	$ 10 00	$ 14 50	$410 00	$ 299 00	$14 00	$50 00	$ 20 00	$1 40	$1 20	$ 5 00	$1180 60
Belen	------	------	25 00	20 50	6 25	5 25	18 25	------	------	21 20	------	------	16 50	------	4 25	5 00	122 20
Oak Ridge	------	------	------	25 00	28 50	31 50	------	------	20 50	------	------	12 50	23 00	------	------	5 00	146 00
Webb	------	------	------	40 00	3 00	------	50 00	------	5 00	188 91	------	10 00	------	------	------	2 50	299 40
Clarksdale	------	------	20 00	26 07	15 00	15 00	81 45	------	5 00	191 85	------	------	33 50	------	------	5 00	392 87
Rich	------	------	8 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	6 00	------	74 00	------	------	20 00	------	------	5 00	145 00
Marks	------	------	45 00	46 00	------	------	48 68	------	5 00	109 30	------	13 50	------	------	------	5 00	272 43
Drew	------	------	55 00	------	------	------	18 65	146 40	10 00	188 11	------	13 50	------	------	------	5 00	436 66
Rome	------	------	32 00	------	------	------	17 00	------	------	60 00	------	------	------	1 25	------	3 50	113 75
*Lyon	15 00	------	------	50 00	50 00	50 00	70 00	25 00	1052 00	70 90	------	13 60	15 00	------	------	5 00	1459 00
Ruth's Chapel	------	------	------	------	------	------	1 75	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	90	2 65
Shelby	------	------	------	30 00	26 00	22 40	132 75	6 00	15 00	168 65	------	------	26 50	------	------	2 00	429 30
Duncan	------	------	2 00	2 00	79 00	------	25 05	------	11 00	303 50	------	------	------	------	------	2 00	424 55
Friendship	------	------	1 00	------	------	------	10 00	------	------	9 00	------	------	------	------	------	2 00	22 00
Lambert	------	------	------	2 00	------	3 00	24 25	------	------	------	------	------	2 00	------	------	5 00	36 25
Sumner	------	------	15 00	------	19 00	16 00	60 00	------	------	163 60	------	15 00	------	------	------	------	288 60
Clarksdale G. A.	1 00	------	------	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	------	1 00	26 75	------	------	4 00	------	------	------	36 75
Totals	$28 50	$3 00	$458 00	$208 57	$202 75	$158 15	$475 83	$197 90	$212 50	$1610 12	$14 00	$99 00	$150 50	$2 65	$5 45	$57 90	$5808 07

* Miss Shepard to S. B. C., $37.50.

W. M. U. STATISTICS

RCHES	WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY	Members	PRESIDENT SUNBEAMS	Members	PRESIDENT G. A's AND R. A's	Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School	Training School	Margaret Home	All Other Objects	Orphanage	Total
							$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
l															
sdale	Mrs. Jenkins, Clarksdale		Mrs. Ball, Clarksdale	14			26 07	15 00	15 00		33 50		206 30		295 87
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ng															
	Mrs. Parks, Drew	15					30 10		2 00				449 76	165 65	647 57
n	Mrs. Z. B. Smith, Duncan	14					2 00				3 00		346 60	58 80	409 40
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dship															
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son	Mrs. McKnight, Gunnison	10													
town	Mrs. W. Haynes, Jonestown														
ert	Mrs. W. J. McKay, Lambert	27	Mrs. Montgomery, Lambert	23				1 00	2 00		2 00		19 00		24 00
	Mrs. M. C. Porter, Lula	14	Miss Dillard, Lula	10			10 00	10 00	21 50		20 00	10 00	1970 10		2031 35
	Miss Bettie Shuford, Lyon	14					50 00	50 00	50 00				1199 85	50 00	1415 30
	Mrs. P. H. Lowery, Marks	37	Mrs. A. N. Abernethy	25	Mrs. J. M. Causey, RA	15									
Ridge	Mrs. Smith, Farrell				Mrs. Bacon, GA	15	46 00						225 80	48 68	274 48
	Mrs. Barber, Rich	10					7 00	10 00	10 00	80	15 00		114 50		177 30
		12					10 00	7 50	7 50		1 00		161 25		187 25
s Chapel															
	Mrs. W. M. Henry, Shelby	33	Mrs. Kendy, Shelby	16			3 00	26 00	22 35		41 03		301 40		394 25
er	Mrs. F. L. Hall, Sumner						15 00	10 00	165 00	60 00	15 00				280 12
ler	Mrs. W. P. Knight, Tutwiler														
	Mrs. R. L. Armstrong, Webb	16													391 00

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